

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-45 are canceled. Claims 46-74 are added. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

46. (New.) A variant of a *Myceliophthora thermophila* laccase, which variant consists of between 1 and 14 modifications, wherein at least one of the modifications is a substitution at a position corresponding to at least one of the following positions in SEQ. ID NO. 10: V52; G121; F141; H206; P336; T365; I380; I382; V406; A506; or W507, provided that wherein the substitution is at a position corresponding to position A506, the substitution is A506C, F, G, H, I, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T, V, or Y in SEQ ID NO: 10, and wherein the variant has laccase activity.
47. (New) The variant of claim 46, wherein said variant has a substitution at a position corresponding to position A506.
48. (New.) The variant of claim 46, wherein said variant has a substitution at a position corresponding to position V52.
49. (New.) The variant of claim 48, wherein said substitution is V52A, I, L, N, Q, R, or S.
50. (New.) The variant of claim 46, wherein said variant has a substitution at a position corresponding to position G121.
51. (New.) The variant of claim 50, wherein said substitution is G121A, I, L, N, Q, R, or S.
52. (New) The variant of claim 46, wherein said variant has a substitution at a position corresponding to position F141.
53. (New) The variant of claim 52, wherein said substitution is F141A, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, M, N, P, Q, S, T, R, V, or Y.

54. (New) The variant of claim 46, wherein said variant has a substitution at a position corresponding to position H206.
55. (New) The variant of claim 54, wherein said substitution is H206A, I, L, N, Q, R, or S.
56. (New) The variant of claim 46, wherein said variant has a substitution at a position corresponding to position P336.
57. (New) The variant of claim 56, wherein said substitution is P336A, I, L, N, Q, R, or S.
58. (New) The variant of claim 46, wherein said variant has a substitution at a position corresponding to position T365.
59. (New) The variant of claim 58, wherein said substitution is T365A, I, L, N, Q, R, or S.
60. (New) The variant of claim 46, wherein said variant has a substitution at a position corresponding to position I380.
61. (New) The variant of claim 60, wherein said substitution is I380A, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T, V, or Y.
62. (New) The variant of claim 46, wherein said variant has a substitution at a position corresponding to position I382.
63. (New) The variant of claim 62, wherein said substitution is I382A, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T, V, or Y.
64. (New) The variant of claim 46, wherein said variant has a substitution at a position corresponding to position V406.

65. (New) The variant of claim 64, wherein said substitution is V406A, I, L, N, Q, R, or S.
66. (New) The variant of claim 46, wherein said variant has a substitution at a position corresponding to position W507.
67. (New) The variant of claim 66, wherein said substitution is W507A, I, L, N, Q, R, or S.
68. (New) The variant of claim 46, wherein the *Myceliophthora thermophila* laccase has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 10.
69. (New) A detergent additive comprising a variant of claim 46 in the form of a non-dusting granulate, a stabilized liquid or a protected enzyme.
70. (New) A detergent composition, comprising a variant of claim 46 and a surfactant.
71. (New) A detergent composition of claim 70, which additionally comprises an amylase, cellulase lipase and/or protease.
72. (New) A method for oxidizing a substrate, comprising contacting the substrate with a variant of claim 46.
73. (New) A method for inhibiting dye transfer during washing of fabrics, comprising adding a variant of claim 46 during washing.
74. (New) A method for bleaching a textile, comprising applying a variant of claim 46 to the textile.